PEA RIDGE.

The Part Taken in the Battle by the 44th Ill.

Ill., and came mighty near getting Sigel him-

self; but by prompt action on the part of those

sent to their relief the way was opened for

or made their escape and joined their command

timber just south of the Buck Horn and on the

think, the 1st Mo. battery. When we came out of the timber we turned in an orchard

regiment was ordered back to take position in

movement a 6-pound shell fired by the rebels

When I came to Karl he said:

Ill. (as "Carleton" says) was not there.

live to use what I have.'

Ill., Union City, Mich.

CHICKASAW BAYOU.

Morgan L. Smith.

same side of the road. Our regiment was

FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

THE FIGHT AT MOSCOW,

And the Part the fist U. S. Colored Troops Took in the Action.

To THE EDITOR: I send for publication my views regarding the fight at Moscow, Tenn., Dec. 4, 1863. I have been much surprised in reading accounts in THE TRIBUNE written by Surby, J. J. Bailey, 9th Ill. Cav., and by "Co. L, 7th 11l. Cav.," Fairfield, Neb. As my regiment (2d W. Tenn,, afterwards known as the 61st U. S. Colored Troops,) was stationed at Moscow, Tenn., for some time previous to and after the affair of the 4th of December, 1863, I claim to know something about it. On the afternoon of the 3d of December, 1863, one of the members of the regiment crossed the south fork of Wolf River and was surprised to see large bodies of the enemy taking position about one-half mile from the river. Their object, no doubt, was to wait until the regiment had dress parade, when they would charge across the bridge, get between the regiment and the fort and capture or destroy the command, as the parade ground was nearly or quite onequarter of a mile from the fort. The soldier spoken of was seen by the enemy and fired upon, but he escaped injury, and returning to camp, reported to Col. F. A. Kendrick what he saw. The regiment was immediately ordered under arms, and water, provisions and ammunition were taken into the fort. The guards were strengthened on all the approaches, especially | readers are at this time interested in the captthe ones at the bridge. There being no cavalry at | ure of Marye's Hights. I contribute this artithe post to do scouting duty, we never knew at | cle with the understanding that if it contains what moment Forrest, Lee, Chalmers, George any misstatements it is the fault of memory, or Roddy would give us trouble; consequently, which I find in my case skips along over the we always kept the planks off the bridge to ground line a rocket shot. For instance, I recprevent a charge. Moscow is on the Memphis | ollect being in line with my company near the & Charleston Railroad, about 40 miles east from Gordon House, in Fredericksburg, just before Memphis, at the confluence and between the | the assault, and of deploying the company, and north and south forks of Wolf River, and there | chasing a pugnacious battery some two or three being a long railroad bridge to guard, a block- | miles immediately after the assault; but of how house had been erected on the south side of | I got upon the hights I have no recollection. the main stream, near the west end of the The Second Division, Second Corps, to which railroad bridge, and a fort had been constructed | I belonged, was left behind when Hooker took and the north fork of the river, under the di- it, after the Sixth Corps had cleared the oppo- considerable money on board. I was from to the colored regiment that was at Moscow off. The Second Division advanced to the as- the rebs were going to try to do, and asked me

light on the morning of Dec. 4, 1863, and were leave their works, which fronted the rear of together at the hotel. very handsomely repulsed by the companies the town, until the column, or the head of it, My friend was to go to the line, and, of sent there for that purpose. The enemy then appeared on the hights. It was said that one course, pretend to pay no attention to anything moved toward the railroad bridge, and was gunner kept deliberately at work with his gun but the fishing. The boat was due about 9 repulsed by the companies stationed along the after our men swarmed around him. The main o'clock in the forenoon, and by him going river, between the wagon and railroad bridges, body of the Sixth Corps had all the morning, carly there would be little or no notice paid to and by Lieut. Fullen, who with about 20 men | and during the preceding night, been working | him. There is an island a little above town; occupied the block-house on the same side of their way up to the foot of the south front of and the steamboat channel was on the west side the river the rebels were on.

ordered to the wagon bridge to prevent the rebels from crossing, and Co. G expended nearly 100 rounds to a man that day.

alry that made the rebels retreat, but the ar- and who composed such and such brigades. had come in from running your trot-line yet?" rival about sundown of Col. Morgan (by train)
with his Brigade, consisting of the 25th Ind.

The Light Brigade was the 31st and 43d N.
I told him I had not seen him. It soon got rumored about that I had a hand in it. Soon a crowd and 32d Wis.

having met it before, and they pulled out. Gen. | 36th N. Y., and one other regiment (now out | and he is an Abolitionist!" said one that knew S. A. Hurlbut, commanding the Sixteenth of mind) were near at the time of the assault. I had come from Quincy. I had a letter of Corps, knew very well which troops deserved | The right column was formed by the 61st Pa., recommendation to Rev. Barrett from Hon. the credit at the battle of Moscow, and he issued a special order congratulating the officers Maj. Bassett; 67th N. Y. (1st Long Island), Where I had worked, and I guess that is all that and men of the 61st U. S. Colored Troops " for | Col. Cross. their gallantry in repulsing the enemy and The left column of attack was formed of the saving the bridges, which were of inestimable | 7th Mass., Col. Johns; 36th N. Y., Lieut.-Col. value to the army stretching from Memphis to Walsh. This column was supported by regi- Yankees are coming!" was the cry on all sides, Corinth." Mr. J. J. Bailey says: "We pro- ments in line of battle and a regiment of skir- and the way those rebs got out of Canton was well, I should say they did, if it took them Me. and 5th Wis. Had you space I could go have revenge for this the next time he came to nearly all day to ride ten miles. Mr. Bailey on in fuller detail. The right was attacked, as | Canton. The steamer came down as soon as the certainly must have been a second Haffed with stated in my former letter, by the 61st Pa., 43d rebs left town, but I got no fish from that mornan eye in the rear, to have issued ammunition N. Y., 82d Pa., and 1st Long Island, and it was | ing's "run of the trot-line." My friend went and senned the whole battlefield at the same | no discredit to any regiment that was forced | on to Quincy and I think enlisted in the 84th team where a common soldier could not drive | were the 67th N. Y. (1st Long Island), and 82d | not far from Mr. Carnegie when he was mura one-horse buggy, and I will say, without fear Pa., under Col. Alexander Shaler. Those to dered by one of Porter's men. On this visit to him on the morning of Dec. 28, immediately caused more loss of life and horses than they stay .- V. M. Hongson, Lieut., 67th N. Y. inflicted upon the enemy. The query naturally presents itself, If the cavalry were so energetic and invincible, how did the rebels get S. C. T., Norton, Ill.

The 20th N. Y. Cavalry.

Hill, about seven miles from Richmond, near cipline. In the first place, you quote:
the Darbytown road. We arrived there about 9 "June 8.—About 5 o'clock the advance of him he could if he thought his throat and stom- Now, comrade, you did not write that diary

realizing the danger that was coming, I said to of October, 1864? Kautz's Division was there, him: "Here, Haskins, take my place and hold | the 3d N. Y. was there; but they did not stay. the horses and I will go in your place." Well, When they saw those long, slim fellows, with you ought to have seen that fellow jump to the uncombed bair, the 3d N. Y. left; but if take the horses. The cramp left him as soon | you will take the trouble to read up historyas it took him. We soon formed in line and | the reports of Gens: Birney, Terry and Kautz, marched up the hill, and took our position be- and also the New York Herald of Oct. 10-you bind breastworks to await events. All the will learn that the regiment you had forgotten while heavy firing was going on in the woods | staid. They had met those "long, thin felforty rods in advance of us. The skirmish- lows" before 1864. Now, comrade, if you have line consisted of the 7th N. Y. Mounted Rifles | not found out what regiment that was, let me They kept Longstreet's Corps in check from 9 rade, let me say that the 1st N. Y. Mounted a. m. till 2:30 p. m. Then the rebels charged | Rifles was the regiment that you forgot the 8th with all fury and drove in our first line. Soon of June-the regiment that did considerable they came out of the woods, and we opened fire | headquarter business by command of Maj.-Gen. on them, but did not check their advance until | Butler; the regiment that held their part of | daylight of the 6th we were on the move towithin two rods of us. At this moment old | the line on the Darbytown road the 7th of Fort Harrison, about one and a half miles in October, 1864. Then be pleased to explain to ville about daylight. At that time I was with our rear, opened up, belehing forth in all her The Tribune why it was that when your the wagon train, and remember quite distinctly fury, dropping shell among them that caused | regiment was consolidated with this forgotten | of seeing Sigel and his staff in Bentonville as them to turn and run as only a rebel can. Our regiment you became the tail and you were | we passed through. Shortly after leaving the

morning of April 3 the bugle sounded boots and saddles. We could hear the shells bursting in the arsenals in Richmond. We were soon mounted and on to Richmond. We were in the city at about 7:40 a. m., and the first troops in there, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. Our Quartermaster-Sergeant, Geo. W. Allen, was the first to hoist the Stars and Stripes on the rebel capitol.-E. M. ROBBINS, Co. B., 20th N. Y. Cav., Adams, N. Y.

MARYE'S HIGHTS.

As to the Work Done by the Second Division of the Second Corps.

TO THE EDITOR: I see that many of your

On the morning of the 4th, after the attack hights, on the flank, at the same time the col-had commenced, Capt. Henry Surges (now of umn started from the town for the front. I Ill, and since the war Captain of the Rob Roy, Trinidad, Colo...) and your obedient servant | think the angle was first cleared of the enemy, | might remember it and tell us his name) were ordered with Co. G to take provisions and as I saw fighting far to the left as I got upon wanted to get over on the east side of this ammunition across the railroad bridge (several | the hights, but it may have been a stand in | island, so that his movements could not be seen hundred feet long) to the block-house and re- rear of their works, -and also think that far to by the rebs, and when the boat came in hailing turn, which we did, encountering perfect my right the enemy still held their intrench- distance he was to signal her and have her to showers of bullets. Upon our return we were ments. As we formed line at the angle they hold up till he could get to her and tell the

THE 1ST LONG ISLAND'S WORK.

When Col. Hatch ordered the plank put August 7, as to who carried Marye's Hill, I her head a little to the east, and did not stop down on the bridge, Col. Kendrick remon-strated and told him his force would be re-and one of the 6th Me., in particular, is more thank God," I thought; for I dare not speak, pulsed and driven back, and it was while the demonstrative, at least, in his language than for the rest of the boys and editor was all in two Colonels were conversing that Col. Hatch any. My communication was almost wholly the same room, and all rank rebels. Presently received his wound, and the command devolved made up and taken from a letter correcting a a cannon shot on the wharf was heard. All One writer says that they did not want the 5, 1863, from its war correspondent of May 3, everybody made for the river to see the rebs cavalry to know that Col. Hatch was wounded, dated field of battle, above Fredericksburg, Va. capture the boat. But nothing but her smoke as the command would devolve upon Col. Ken- Had your space permitted, I could have gone | could be seen above the trees of the island. drick, who had formerly been a Major of the more into detail, but as I believe that account | The editor, devil, compositors and all hands 2d Iowa Cav., and was not popular. Why was to be correct, from the fact that it was written left the office and went to the river, myself with he unperular? Because he had commanded a by a former staff officer of Gen. McClellan, who the rest. When the rebel commander, Col. colored regiment. I opine if Col. Kendrick was far in front and about the first in the Jim Porter, saw the boat go behind the island had claimed it he would have been the rank- works, and fully indorsed by a staff officer of he ordered the gunner to "give it to her"; but ing officer before Hatch was wounded; as Ken- Gen. Sedgwick. I did not publish my letter it did no good; they could not reach her. drick's commission was issued by authority of from memory, nor with prejudice, but simply Then the question was asked by many, "Who the President, while Hatch was commissioned to do justice to as brave a set of men as ever went to give the warning?" No one knew. by the Governor. Col. Edward Hatch was a left New York or any State, and who have but Some were in favor of hanging some one. splendid officer, and the 2d Iowa was as good a few survivors remaining. So much had been | Some wanted to shoot some one. Some wanted regiment as the war produced, and would fight | said of the other gallant regiments, and no one | one thing, and some wanted another. As for anything that came along from a regiment to coming to aid the 1st Long Island, I thought | me, I wanted to see Gen. McNeil dash in and a former member of the same glorious old regia division; but I would pity the colored regi- it time to come to their defense. And in your capture Col. Jim Porter and his whole mob of ment that relied for support from some of the last issue a comrade from the 122d N. Y. is the | bushwhackers, but I did not think it loud cavalry regiments. Guntown is a good illus- first that gives the regiment the name of being enough for any one to hear me; public opinion tration of the value of cavalry to colored in- in that engagement at all. I have before me | was against me. fantry, and Tupelo demonstrated, to the writer two accounts, published in May, 1863, as to During the excitement some one spoke about at least, that the colored troops could take care "Who Did It," and from them I give a few "a feller running a trot-line up there this mornof themselves, and it was the general belief at | items not made 20 years after, but at the time. | ing; who was he, and did he come back?" Recthe time of the fight that it was not the cav- Something has been said about who were there | tor, the editor, came to me and asked me if "-

The rebels knew Col. Morgan's Brigade, N. Y., 23d, 82d, and 139th Pa. The 7th Mass., that my time had come. "He is from Illinois, gether with the 17th Ohio and Chicago Mer-

The 1st N. Y. Mounted Rifles to the Front. away? Col. Edward Hatch, an honored, true Aug. 28 that the Petersburg campaign is opened | boarding with Mrs. --- when Hon. Jim Green | way and looking through a glass, received this U. S. (colored) Cav. as his reward; while Col. gives us a section of his diary of those days, and had adjourned, and remember how a small injuring the spine and ultimately resulting in Frank A. Kendrick sleeps at Saco, Me., beneath | if his little story is as correct as his dates, then | body of rebel bushwhackers tried to capture the marble slab erected by the officers of his | we might leave him alone. History is a cor- | him. His brother, Mart Green, was a Brigadierregiment as a token of the love and esteem | rect record of events, and our comrade should | General in the Confederate army, but Jim stood they bore him for his patriotic and honorable read history (I respectfully refer him to the Union. The night Mr. Carnegie services.—Lorenzo Durham, Lieut., 61st U. "Swinton's") before he publishes his diary. was murdered the bushwhackers ransacked He gives the different regiments composing | the town, robbed stores, made the people cook his division (Kautz's), but leaves out one whose | meals for them, and raised the devil generally, number he had forgotten, which regiment he and next morning after they got their flag pre-To THE EDITOR: Where are all the com- says was principally employed in carrying sented to them, they left town loaded with rades of the 20th N. Y. Cav.? I have been dispatches for the various headquarters. Now, boots, shoes, dry goods, tobacco, etc., etc., with watching for a long time to see something in he admits that this regiment was in the fight. about 300 boys in blue after them. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE from some of them, There he is right, and I will wager him that so at last concluded to write myself. Our regi- they had the most rifles in the fight that day, of Welch, who, while hidden in the bush, would ment was on detached duty prior to Dec. 5, as well as furnishing dispatch carriers to Gens. shoot Union men when they passed his den. 1864, in and around Norfolk, Va., raiding and Baldy Smith, Martindale, Brookes, Kautz and I would go home every two weeks to Quinc scouting through Virginia and North Carolina others, else I will pay his subscription to THE and picking up horses, rebel soldiers and bush- NATIONAL TRIBUNE for his natural life. Any and coming back to Canton Sunday afternoon. whackers. We had quite an easy time, but did | soldier knows that during battle it is an honor | good service for Uncle Sam, until the 5th of to be called to carry dispatches, and the fact reprobate requested me to bring some gun-caps December, 1864, when we were ordered to City | that this regiment, whose identity you did not | from Quincy for his father, and gave me 50 Point. We arrived there at the break of day know the 8th of June, was selected to send | cents to make the purchase with. I got two on the 10th, and immediately saddled our orderlies to the various headquarters is evihorses and started for what was called Spring dence of their intelligence, courage and dis- he wanted), and my mother, God bless her, article, signed "One of the Boys," extremely

a. m., and received orders to dismount. The Haucock's Corps came up and relieved us (the a pan and dried them in the stove, and then something like this: "A masked battery of boys soon collected some slivers to cook their 3d N. Y.) Looking across the Appointance, put them back in the boxes and fixed them four guns poured grape and canister among the coffee, and just as it came to a boil the bugle | about 10 miles distant, we could discern in one

ach could stand it. All this time we could hear the 8th of June. Hancock's Corps did not re- let them keep "reckening." noised along the line that Gen. Longstreet's | Chickahominy that day, and Lee's veterans double-quicked down the hill and through a that the Army of the Potomac was marching

(16-shooters), and the 5th or 11th Pa. Cav. ask you what your regiment was? Then, comloss was about 15 killed; the rebels something | commanded by the officers of the 1st N. Y. | town we heard the rattle of small-arms in our Comrade, revise your diary. Come down to rear, and our regiment was ordered back on The remainder of the Winter of '64-'65 we | New York, call in and see me, and I will give | the double-quick. The Johnnies had got round did picket on the Darbytown road. On the you a few points. I will date your book right. Bentonville, completely cutting off Sigel and -W. H. ARMSTRONG, Serg't, Troop B, 1st N.Y. his staff, had captured one company of the 36th Mounted Rifles.

MISSOURI IN 1862.

Saving the Di Vernon-Wetting the Bushwhacker's | the company captured from the 36th recaptured Caps.

TO THE EDITOR: In the issue of the 28th of August I saw an article in regard to some of the "cuttings up" of the bushwhackers in Missouri, and it called to mind some of their doings I saw in Canton, Lewis Co., Mo., in the months of June. July and part of August, 1862, before I joined the army; and if you think it worthy of publication, here it is.

In the forepart of June I got a situation in the Press office at Canton. Rev. Barrett had bought the material of an office in Hannibal, Mo., and, while he was waiting for it to be shipped, I worked a few days in the Record office, run in the interest of the Southern Confederacy and the Democratic party. It was edited and run by a man by the name of Rector, who, after his office was destroyed by the Federals, went into the rebel army. I had been working for him about a week, when about 500 rebel troops, with one piece of artillery, came into town, and was lying in wait to capture the steamer Di Vernon, on her way from Keokuk, Iowa, to St. Louis, Mo., loaded with near the railroad bridge, between the track | the balance of the corps up the river, and so | troops and ammunition; and, besides, she had rection of Lieut. Goodrich, of the Engineer | site bank of the river, laid a bridge and crossed | Quincy, Ill., and one of the boys in the office Corps, who was the only soldier not belonging over and took part in the assault when it came | knew I was a Union man, and he told me what until late in the afternoon on the day of the | sault from the town, and consequently charged | if he and I could not do something to save the buttle, Dec. 4, 1863, Surby, Bailey and "Co. L, the hight in its front. I presume that the de- Di Vernon. After considerable talk and plan-7th Ill. Cav.," to the contrary notwithstanding. tail from the Sixth Corps which had cleared ning, we hit upon a plan that worked to a The enemy was repeatedly repulsed before any the way for us to lay our bridge, also joined in charm. We were in the habit of going about a assistance arrived from La Grange, and the the assault from the town. Between the town mile above the town fishing in the evenningers were amply able to take care of them- and the hight the road crossed a canal, by a ing, and setting a trot-line, which we would selves and Moscow, too; and when it is said by | bridge, and, consequently, the column could | visit in the morning. This morning he was to the above-named parties that the colored troops | not advance in line of battle. For this reason | visit the line alone, for fear the rebs might suswere not fired upon, or did no firing, it is the fire from the enemy's artillery on the hight | pect something if they saw more than one start either made through ignorance or designed to was terribly effective upon the column. The out in a skiff. They had no pickets out, as they bridge across the canal was choked with dead, had a "dead sure thing of it," as one of them The rebels charged the wagon bridge at day- and the canal ran blood. The enemy did not said to me as we were eating our breakfast

the hights. They made a grand rush for the of this island. My friend (I have forgotten his stationed about midway between the two halted a couple of field-pieces and went for us, officers the trap she was about to run into. bridges and remained there until nearly night, and then I went for them, as before stated .- | The boat was at this point out of range of the when the cavalry were repulsed and many of L. E. BICKNELL, Second Lieut., First Co., An- rebel gun (hid behind a warehouse). I watched them driven into the river. We were then drews's Sharpshooters, West Cunningham, Mass. and waited to see the boat come in sight, for I could see behind the head of the island from the window by which my case stood. At last To THE EDITOR: By my letter, published I saw her come in sight, and presently I saw published account in the N. Y. Herald of May | was now excitement. Stores were closed, and

Brigade, 65th, 67th (1st Long Island), and 122d gathered about me, and I thought for a while saved me, for Brooks told them I was all right. The excitement was intense; but about 12 o'clock it was greater, for the alarm was given. "The time. Wagonmasters were generally great away from its position; and the successful regi- | Ill.-Col. Waters's regiment. I staid and was in strategists. I have seen them pilot a six-mule | ments, in first gaining admission to the hights, | town when Col. Jim Porter came back, and was could not have taken Moscow on the 4th of Yet, all accounts I have read, published at the rebel flag by the daughter of the widow lady I December, 1863, with the force they had, if the time and some since, a number of which are was then boarding with, (as I left the hotel cavalry had not been there; and I will say, now in my possession, fully sustain my position. when I went to work for Rev. Barrett,) Miss further, that the panic among the cavalry These regiments first entered the works to Lucy -. I will not mention her full name, but Hon. James Green, then U.S. Senator from

There was an old bushwhacker by the name I would go home every two weeks to Quincy, going on Saturday (if the boats made a landing) On one of these occasions a son of this old boxes of waterproof caps (that being the kind

I would share the same fate as Carnegie. I rushed my men with "Hurry up, hurry took the next boat for Quincy, Ill., and next up; get a shell in that gun,-get a shell day culisted in Co. I, 73d Ill., and went to the in that gun!" His excited manner rattled my front and staid there till the war was over .- J. recruits, but he caught his balance when I asked D. REMINGTON, National Military Home, Ohio. To THE EDITOR: "Carleton," in his account of the Pea Ridge battle, makes no mention of the 44th Ill. The 44th was with Sigel, and had been lying several days south of Bentonville. On the night of March 8 we received orders to strike our tents, pack up, load our teams, and be ready to march as soon as possible. Before

teenth Army Corps. To THE EDITOR: In your last issue H. H. Van Camp, Co. C, 21st Ohio, says that the 38th Ind., 79th Pa. and 21st Ohio composed the their retreat and the train saved, and most of Third Brigade, Third Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, commanded by Col. Hambright. He is very much mistaken, and I can prove it again. We had more or less skirmishing all to him. The 38th Ind., 79th Pa., 33d, 2d, 21st, the way from Bentonville back to Sugar 74th and 94th Ohio, and 1st and 10th Wis. were Creek, 16 miles, arriving at Sugar Creek somethe First Brigade, First Division, Fourteenth time in the afternoon of the 6th. Friday fore- Corps, and were commanded by Col. B. F. noon we were held in reserve, but after dinner | Scribner, of the 38th Ind. we were ordered up, and took position on the On Friday the division marched all night, right of the road, facing Buck Horn Tavern. | going from Pigeon Mountain, 21 miles south of

The rebs at that time had forced our men back, | Chickamauga. We came into the battle at sunso that they (the rebs) occupied the same rise on Saturday morning, and were driven ground that our troops had occupied in the and marched back and forth all day. That back to the left of the road, where we lay in there was no fight on Sunday night, except the woods all night, and in the morning, just some artillery firing. During Saturday night at daylight, or soon after, the Johnnies opened | we built log works on the high ridge he speaks shot singing through the woods yet. The that any part of the brigade was back at Rossand lay down behind a rail fence, just in rear | Gen. Thomas ordered us to march back to Misthings lively for the Johnnies, and they were | staid there until Tuesday about 3 a. m., when instantly and knocking down our First Duty | which house was used by our men as a hospital. box. I helped to distribute the ammunition. limber chest run over him w his back. How the bullets did fly, though !-"No, I don't want any more, and never shall M. C. WILSON, Co. G, 38th Ind., Virden, Ill.

PRAIRIE GROVE.

We tried our best to talk that idea out of his head, but it was of no use. Poor fellow; he never fired a shot. What position the balance of our brigade held I am unable to say. I Division Took in the Battle. think the 25th Ill. was at our right. The 21st In your issue of Aug. 21 Serg't Nash, of the 25th Ill., says the 44th Ill. was armed with Sharp's six-shooters. He is in error. We were armed with the Belgian single-shot rifle. When we drew our arms at St. Louis in 1861 Cos. A and B and 25 men in each of the other companies were armed with Colt's five-shot rifles, saber and bayonet; the balance were armed with muskets, and mighty poor ones, too. In February, 1862, we turned over all the guns we drew in 1861, and received in their stead the Belgian rifles. We used them with such deadly effect that the rebels did not care to visit us very long. They commenced falling back about 9 o'clock, when our whole line was advanced and drove them pell-mell from the I would like to hear from some the old members of the 44th, and will call out L. W. Willbur, of Co. B, who I know can give a good history of the regiment from its organization, as he kept a diary. Come, Lew, give us an account of yourself .- A. E. RIPLEY, Co. B, 44th A. J. Smith's Division-The Severe Wounding of To THE EDITOR: In your issue of Sept. 4 was at Chickasaw Bayou, is wrong. Allow me-

returned to Memphis after the Tallahatchie campaign, arriving at Memphis Dec. 12, 1862, gan with their divisions. Gen. A. J. Smith's Division was denominated the First Division. and operated on the right during the Chickasaw Bayou campaign. It comprised the 6th, cantile batteries. In landing and in subsedown-stream and next to Morgan L. Smith's Division. It did very little fighting and sufheard, the only two points passable were a very Division and a better one further to the right. It was over the former that the 6th Mo., so gallantly led by Col. Blood, charged by the flank. This Col. Blood, by the way, is the as the husband by brevet or otherwise of Vic.

able and unassuming officer. The terrible wound of Morgan L. Smith, alluded to by Comrade Fink, was received by

Woodhull! At all events, he was a brave, cap-

of successful contradiction, that the rebels our left, we claim no glory over or advantage. Canton Porter's regiment was presented with a in front and only a few rods away from the 55th. This was the day before any charge was made. The particular incidents, all of which occurred in sight of the writer, were that early in the morning Gen. Morgan L. Smith, accom-Missouri, was Miss Lucy's uncle, and often | panied by one orderly, rode past the right of stopped at Mrs. -- 's house on his way to the 55th and a few rods to the front, and while To THE EDITOR: I see in your paper of and from Washington City. I was still sitting upon his horse in his peculiar sidelong death. He took this terrible shot so impassively that not a shudder seemed to affect him, but coolly put up the glass and turned his horse around and rode back to the rear. As he passed by a group of us he made some remarks in his bright but profane way, so appropriate upon the battlefield, but a little too florid for quota-

> In a few moments Adj't Nourse came and whispered to me the fact of the wound, which up to that time, although in full view when it occurred, I did not know.

By the way, I protest against the innovation of calling this battle Chickasaw Bluffs. It is paigns, battles and marches and other inciknown in all reports and histories as Chickasaw Bayon. Trying to re-christen it at this late day is born of an iconoclastic spirit.-L. B. CROOKER, Capt., 55th Ill., Aurora, Ill. That " Masked Battery." TO THE EDITOR: I notice in the Sunday

Telegraph of Milwaukee, issue of Nov. 18, an and I put them in water that night and let | laudatory of the 4th Wis., which is all right them soak about 12 hours. We put them in Their bugle should be tooted. But he says up all O. K. I took them to Canton and gave charging rebels," etc., referring to the attack sounded to mount. One boy said: "Captain, can't I drink my coffee first?" The Captain told Petersburg," etc. them to the son, who took them to his father; but they would not go off. They "reconed" they Now, I think that only two guns, viz., a section but they would not go off. They "reconed" they Now, I think that only two guns, viz., a section were damaged when I bought them, and I just of the 1st Wis. battery, was with that expedition. I think they were not masked, and I and dismounted. No. 1 was to hold his own and 2, 3 and 4 horses. My number was one. A big, strapping fellow by the name of Abe Hashis was No. 4—one of the \$1,000 men—and was taken with what the boys termed shell-cramp. He began to close up like a pocket-knife, and said: "Oh, Cap., I am so sick; I cannot go to she was in your division? Were you on said: "Oh, Cap., I am so sick; I cannot go to she was to half of the name of the short fuse. The was to much for run under it!"

Would never have fought or run under it!"

Would have taken it would have taken it to court-house. I left my potatoes in the Court-house. I left my potatoes in the court-house. Charlie Hewett had the left gun; he got into the street first; I followed him through the town on a run. He dropt his gun at the intersection of a street at the brow of a hill; I ran to the right, dropt my gun and some fall in less time than I am writing. "Why not?" she asked. "I would have taken it to Quincy and given it to some Federal solous in the Court-house. I left my potatoes in the Court-house. I left my potatoes in the Court-house. Try be to some Federal solous in the country. Comrade, I fear you wrote that diary in Kansas; your roads are be nemy was driving us in." We had 400 or our men fell in less time than I am writing.

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"On Burton, Co. F, 102d III., Milton, Iowa.

"Rough on Dentist" Tooth Powder. Try be to diers," I replied. That was too much for her. She told her cousin and he told me the next diers," I replied. That was too much for her. She told her cousin and he told me the next diers, "I replied to some fall in less time than I am writing.

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the fight." I was a mere boy, only 16. Not the Darbytown road on the morning of the 7th Vernon, and now if Col. Porter got hold of me not for the mob in front of him. Gen. Lee him for "a little more room round here." We did open, and lively, getting in 13 shots. Lee soon after, upon his return, said: "Well, boy, your artillery saved us this time." But I did a mean thing-jumped upon the limber, flapped my wings and crowed over Hewett not getting a shot. I hereby offer an apology, for he can "lick me in a minute." This, to me, does not look like a masked battery, nor like grape and canister. I like to see the 4th boys toot their bugle,-they were a regiment worthy of having two bugles tooted for them,-but there was no masked battery that day. The crash of one gun was enough to send the Johnnies back, wards Bentonville, passing through Bentonand when we returned to our bivouac some fellow had my potatoes. I always suspected a long-legged Missourian.-1sr Wis., La Crescent,

CHICKAMAUGA.

The Third Brigade of the Third Division, Four-

morning. On the evening of the 7th we fell | night was the fight the comrade speaks of, for on us with solid shot; and I can just hear those of, but he is very much mistaken when he says rebel battery was placed in the small strip of | ville during Saturday or Sunday. We held our position until 5 o'clock Sunday, long after McCook's Corps had left, and Rosecrans with ordered on the extreme left to support, I | them, leaving old Pap Thomas to fight the whole rebel army, which he did nobly. After we had driven off the rebels for the last time, of the battery. We could see the rebs quite | sionary Ridge, which we did in good style and plainly from our position. Our artillery had got | went to Rossville to get something to eat, after a cross-fire on them at this time, and was making | which we returned to Missionary Ridge and also making it quite interesting for us. Our our brigade took the rear and we marched back to Chattanooga, with the rebels at our heels. rear of the orchard. While executing this If the comrade will think a minute, he will remember that Col. Scribner's little gray had struck the ground in our rear, glanced and his leg shot off as we fell back across the old struck Karl Wosner in the back, killing him | cornfield that the little house stood in, and Men and horses lay thickly over the cornfield, Right here let me say that here is as re- as it had been fought over and over in the two markable a case of warning or premonition of days' fight. I would like to hear from any of danger as the ones Col. Fahnestock, of the 86th | the old 38th Ind., and especially from Col. Ill., speaks of. In the morning while we were | Scribner, or any of the boys who were in the eating our breakfast orders were issued that big run through the pine timber during the each man should take 60 rounds of ammuni- first day's fight. I suppose all the boys retion-20 in his pockets and 40 in his cartridge- member Dan Yates, who lay down and let a He was captured in North Carolina and kept

the fight. TO THE EDITOR: S. S. Cane, 7th Mo. Cav., makes a mistake in relation to the composition of Herron's Division at Prairie Grove, Ark. The First Brigade of that division was composed of the 19th Iowa, 20th Wis., 24th Ill. and one battery of the 2d Mo. Art. It was commanded by Col. W. W. Orme. Again, he is Andersonville, in the Spring of 1865, to Macon mistaken when he says we received orders to saw Union troops there. Comrade Beauchamp re-enforce Gen. Blunt at Cane Hill. We was in that party, and believes that if there (Herron's Division) were at Wilson's Creek; had been blue-coats in sight there would have Totten's Division was about 15 miles southwest | been a stampede of the prisoners. from there. Schofield, the commander of the Army of the Frontier, was at St. Louis. About | Jeld, Ohio, wonders why none of the comrades 10 o'clock a. m., Dec. 4, 1862, Gen. Herron received from Gen. Blunt a note of this pur- NATIONAL TRIBUNE. He would like to hear port: "Thirty thousand rebels under Hindman and Marmaduke have us hemmed in here. If you are ever going to help us, do it now."

march, and sent word to Schofield that he was going to relieve Blount at Cane Hill. At 2 through the camps of Totten's Division as they of Chancellorsville. were about to take up the line of march for the same place. We marched day and night till Sunday morning, the 7th, about 8 o'clock, when we struck the rebel army, which had left Blunt and met us nine miles from Cane Hill, at Prairie Grove. I know but little about the fighting in our (Orme's) brigade, which regiment's first position was on the east side of ment—to call the attention of my comrade to and on higher ground. Two guns of the 2d amounted to that number. certain facts. When Morgan L. Smith's Sec- Mo. Art. took position on the right of the 24th, ond Division, to which the 55th Ill. belonged, and somewhat in advance, where the rebels | Cav., spent four months and a half in Andercaptured one of the guns, which was afterward retaken by the 94th Ill. About 12 o'clock the comrades endured while there. we there met Gen. A. J. Smith and Gen. Mor- 19th Iowa and 20th Wis., supported by the 94th, made a charge across the field into the timber, where the two former regiments were cut to were good for anything but foraging and butpieces, losing many men killed and wounded, which left the 94th to defend, with the help of 16th, 67th and 97th Ind., 23d Wis., 96th, 108th, a few of the 19th Iowa, all of that part of our 48th and 83d Ohio, 9th Ky. and 77th Ill., to- line formerly held by the brigade; but we held on like grim death until about 3 o'clock, when fered little, if any, loss,—the bayou being im- thirty thousand, with 20 guns, but before 4 narrow sand-bar in front of Morgan L. Smith's dark there was music in the air. We lay on with a whoop. our arms till morning, but during the night we learned from deserters that the rebs were running, and, after a three days and nights' same Col. Blood who faced still greater dangers -JNO. W. BEATY, Co. F, 94th Ill., Paola, Kan. march and a day's fighting, we were not sorry.

Maj. Arthur. TO THE EDITOR: In THE TRIBUNE of Sent. 4 is an article by W. B. Lyke, in favor of the character (as a soldier) of Maj. Arthur, 4th N. Y. Heavy Art. If there is anything that is low, mean and degrading, it is that article deacquainted with Maj. Arthur, and thought him a true soldier. A true soldier is a gentleman, laboring for the good discipline of his command, and always looking to its best interests. Such I believe Maj. Arthur was in every respect. I am not just positive as to date of the Major's being wounded, but it was at the when the whole camp "went for a Sutler." Ream's Station fight. I saw him soon after; A. Mullen, Co. G., 46th Ohio, Van Wert, O., but, in my opinion, no one in the 4th had time to fight or shoot one of our own men. At that fight our men and officers bad their hands full, and no time to boil coffee or shoot their own officers. I will say I think Major Arthur was one of the best officers the 4th N. Y. Art. had, -R. DEXTER, Capt., Co. E, 4th N. Y. H. A., Ashland, Neb.

A Question of Fact.

To THE EDITOR: In coming home from the Rennion held at Fremont, Neb., on Sept. 5, a party of old vets were discussing the old camdents of the late unpleasantness. One comrade from Shenandoah, Iowa, said he saw and heard President Lincoln make a speech at Milliken's Bend, La., in January or February, 1863. He was disputed, and big odds offered on a bet. The party agreed to refer the question to THE TRIBUNE for settlement. Please answer through TRIBUNE, as all are readers of THE TRIBUNE and will look for your answer-GEO. F. DA-SHIELL, Atlanta, Iowa.

[You are right. President Lincoln was never West after he took his seat.-ED.]

An Illinois Veteran.

To THE EDITOR: Your admirable paper comes to us regularly. It is very welcome to comes to us regularly. It is very welcome to our house. I never expect to be without it in our house as long as it stands by its country's defenders as it does. I have been a constant reader for months, but have never seen a word from any of our brigade, except Chap. Cotton. It may be that we have forgotten each others' faces and names, but some things we will never the faces and names, but some things we will never the faces and names, but some things in Comrades Mason and Fry's account of the battle of Thompson's Hill. He says Logan had three regiments in the action—the 20th, 31st and 124th Ill. He was also one of the fight. He was also one of those who volunteered to run the block-ade at least a supply of Swift's Specific for her. She has taken 3 better than for 5 many better than for 5 man heavy firing on the picket-line. It was soon lieve you that afternoon. He was on the Not long after this Miss Lucy and I were talk- was gunner of the "Right of the Right" and defenders as it does. I have been a constant the action—the 20th, 31st and 124th Ill. He ing about the flag she had presented to Porter's | should know something of it. I think we were | reader for months, but have never seen a word Corps was coming down to give us a reception.

We had orders to go out and meet him. We Comrade, you say, writing on the Sth of June, flag for a week before she gave it to the Colowas roasting sweet potatoes when the aid came It may be that we have forgotten each others'
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flag for a week before she gave it to the Colowas roasting sweet potatoes when the aid came It may be that we have forgotten each others' nel. I was too hasty in my reply. I said: "If at a gallop—and we got out at a gallop—and faces and names, but some things we will never ade at Vicksburg. swamp to the foot of another hill. Here we who was marked by the room of the r

CONDENSED LETTERS.

Charles Head, Co. D, 15th Mass., Worcester, Mass., promises THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE readers some reminiscences of service that included Ball's Bluff and Antietam. D. D. McCullum, Co. I. 12th Iowa, Sibley, Iowa, wants to know if there are any com-

rades alive who paid Wirz, in 1865, \$5 to be al-

lowed to go with the exchanged prisoners. If so, he would like to hear from them. L. G. Flenner, Co. A. 76th Ohio, Findley, O., corrects J. W. Fry's account of the capture of Arkansas Post, in which it was stated that the line of earthworks was guarded by a deep ditch on the outside, and had timber cut down into at an abatis. He says that his regiment was on the front line, and he was out in front as a skirmisher and saw no ditch or checaux-defrise in front of his regiment at least. He was within 100 feet of the rebel works, and there was nothing between him and them, but some brush and stumps. He thinks that the 57th and 76th Ohio were among the very first to en-

ter the rebel works and plant their colors on W. A. Fulk, Co. B, 59th Ind., wants to know if some comrade can inform him what battery it was that was posted on the hill in rear of his regiment at the battle of Champion's Hill, and did such splendid work in driving the

rebels back? F. W. Lucare, Co. D. 1st Pa. Cav., Emporium, Pa., was in all the battles in which his veteran regiment participated, and received a severe wound. He has never claimed a pension. He would like to hear from all the comrades of his company and regiment, and also those of the

1st N. J. Cav. Chas. W. Wood, 13th U.S. Inf., Oconomowoe, Waukesha Co., Wis., asks if Comrade Case remembers the battle of Colliersville, where the rebel Gen. Chalmers stopped them on the 11th of October, 1863, with a force of 2,800 men and nine pieces of artillery. Gen. Sherman had only 300 men and his staff officers and two Paymasters on board the train loaded with ammunition going to Chattanooga. The rebel dead left on the field numbered 400, while they killed nine of our men and wounded 30. Comrade Wood would like to hear from any of the 1st Bat., 13th Inf.

H. C. Vaughn, Co. E, 24th Ky., Mulberry Grove, Kan., writes a quite interesting letter, but a little to full of polities for publication. Samuel R. Bachtell, 7th Pa. Cav., Philadelphia, Pa., expresses his great satisfaction and pleasure in reading the letters from different comrades all over the country. He wants them all to sign their full names, company and postoffice address to such articles, as it makes it far more interesting, and many an old soldier has by this means found an old messmate or brother sufferer in hospital or prison pen. He would especially like to hear of the Kilpatrick raid in the rear of Atlanta.

S. W. Skipworth, Blue Mound, Kan., puts in claim for being the youngest soldier who did a man's service. He was born in Muhlenberg Co., Ky., May 23, 1849, and enlisted in Co. I. 48th Ky. Mounted Inf., Sept. 19, 1863, being then but little over 14. He afterwards entered the 3d Ky. Cav., and served with that regiment all through the Atlanta campaign and during the subsequent cavalry operations in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. prisoner 35 days. J. L. Brown, Co. E, 78th Ohio, Ellensburg,

W. T., gives a spirited account of the part his regiment took in the battle of Champion's Hill, and is very complimentary to Gen. Wiles, who had been appointed Colonel of the regiment, and took command a half hour before

T. J. Beauchamp, Co. D, 12th Mo. Cav., Verdon, Richardson Co., Neb., was taken prisoner, with his whole company, 31 in number, at Campbellsville, Tenn., Nov. 24, 1864. He wants to correct Comrade Lemmon's statement that the squad of prisoners taken out of

Geo. W. Wert, Co. G. 55th Ohio, Springof his regiment ever write anything for THE

Jas. A. Pettis, late Serg't, Co. H. 5th N. J., Woodbine, Iowa, likes to rea THE TRIBUNE, Herron sent orders to Totten's Division (Tot- as it brings to mind the friends of former days ten was not with his command) to be ready to and the exciting events through which he passed while in the army. Soon after the battle of Fredericksburg Comrade Pettis was o'clock on the day mentioned we (Herron's Di- assigned to Battery B, 1st N. J. Art., and vision) broke camp, and about dark we passed | while in that command took part in the battle

Adam Hartwick, Coudersport, Pa., was one of the prisoners who attempted to break out of Salisbury. He had the heel of his shoe shot off by a rebel bullet while trying to get away, but received no hurt.

Jas. M. Burk, Co. D, 4th Ky. M't'd Inf., New Ross, Ind., thinks Comrade Finney is mistaken Lieut. Fink, of the 55th Ill., suggests that your was on the left of our line of battle, and the in stating that 300 of the 4th Ky. were captformer article, stating that Gen. A. J. Smith 24th Illinois on the left of the brigade. Our ured between Lovejoy Station and Chattahoochee River in the raids near Atlanta. He a narrow field, the rebels on the opposite side (Comrade Burk) does not think the prisoners John Blossom, Corporal, Co. F, 8th Mich.

sonville, and describes the misery he and his Another comrade of the 1st Ohio wants the "boys" to speak up and tell whether they

termilk raids." Jasper Roseberry, Co. F, 25th Ind., Island, Kan., corrects C. M. Butt, as to the command of "Fighting Joe Mower," which he says was the First Division of the Seventeenth Corps. we were slowly driven back by the force of He says Gen. Mower might also be appropriquent operations it was upon the right or numbers. In the fight, till 4 o'clock in the ately called "Wading Jo," and recalls how the evening, we had 5,000 infantry and 24 pieces of General, dismounted, led them through the artillery, and the Johnnies twenty-eight to Salkahatchie Swamp where the water was from knee to chin deep, and when at last, chill and

passable as well as guarded by heavy batteries o'clock their last cannon was disabled. At 4 numb, they reached the dry ground the bright in its front. So far as I know, or have ever o'clock Blunt, with 5,000 infantry and 24 more camp-fires of the Johnnies beyond looked so guns, came in on our right, and from then till tempting that they charged and took them H. Fry, Co. K, 5th Iowa, writes a very interesting account of the opening of the battle of Iuka, in which he speaks of how natural it is that comrades should differ as to the details of

a battle, since every man who is in line doing

his duty as a rule sees a very little of the fight beyond that going on immediately about him. copy of the very complimentary letter sent to Col. J. P. Taylor, of the 1st Pa. Cav., by Gen. Gregg, commander of the Second Division of the Cavalry Corps, upon that regiment's retireof the battles and skirmishes in which the regiment took part, and a table of the miles it traveled during its service, which aggregated 5.831. Comrade Taylor would like to hear from Harry Harris, 1st N. J. Cav., who was with him at the Dismounted Camp, at City Point, wants to know if some of the members of Co. I, 118th Ohio, will give him the particulars of the killing of John A. Dickson, of said company, at De Mossville, Ky., and who shot him. Any one will confer a great favor on Mr. Mullen by sending him all the facts connected with the affair. Jas. F. Watts, Co. D., 7th Pa. Cav., Dexter,

Iowa, wants to know what regiment covered the retreat of the Union army at Chattanooga. He thinks that his was the rear regiment, and Co. D of that regiment the rear company. Henry Colin, Co. A, 42d Ind., Carrier's Mills, Ill., claims for Jacob Messick the credit of being the youngest soldier, as he enlisted on the

24th day of September, 1861, as a drammer, and at that time was but nine years and one month old. He took part in all the marches and battles of his regiment until the 9th day of October, 1864. O. A. Moser, Co. K, 10th Iowa, Emporia, Kan., denies that the 48th Ind. gave way at

Iuka, as he was in position where he could see engaged at all that day. W. Barker, Olin, Iowa, writes quite an interesting letter as to matters in that State, but it is much too full of politics for publication in

our columns at present. Oscar Hottenstein, Co. G. 20th Ill., takes exceptions to some things in Comrades Mason

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